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25X1 1. [ ] Met with Mr. John Martin, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Committee on Ways and Means, and reviewed with him the appearance of Mr. Samuel Cummings, President of the International Armament Corporation as a witness before the Committee on the various legislative proposals pending in the House relating to control of interstate shipment of small arms. Due to Mr. Cummings' position in the list of witnesses and to the business pending, it was determined that no time would be available to the members for any questioning in depth concerning the witnesses and their particular businesses as distinguished from the legislative proposals under consideration. In consequence, no attempt was made to brief the Chairman prior to the hearing. These conclusions were borne out, and no questions were raised. I met with Mr. Martin later in the day, thanked him for his assistance, and made an appointment to meet with him tomorrow afternoon concerning H.R. 8815.

25X1 2. [ ] Met with Miss Pat Mee, Assistant to Congressman Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.) at Miss Mee's request. She advised that the Congressman had been having particular difficulty with Mr. Crockett's office at the State Department concerning information requested of the Department by Representative H.R. Gross (R., Iowa) with respect to Mr. Gross's objection to the [ ] claim bill pending before the House. Mr. Crockett's assistants have advised that they have been unable to procure information from this Agency concerning possible bills for the relief of U-2 pilots who have found themselves in circumstances similar to [ ]. 25X1 Miss Mee requested permission, should the occasion arise, to have Mr. Crockett's office call me to assist in possible wording in the State Department letter to Congressman Gross. It is noted that Miss Mee felt that appropriate information is available in Mr. Crockett's office concerning the clear distinction between cases such as the [ ] case 25X1 and Powers case, but it was the Congressman's desire, if possible, to have one of us available to advise the Department on possible wording to be used in a letter to Mr. Gross.

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